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or Nationality has a birthright—his Constitutional rights vouchsafed and guaranteed unto him by the Federal Constitution and all of its Amendments as written, proclaimed, upheld and supported by The Great Republican Party, and any man of whatever color, race or Nationality that sells that birthright does it because he is openly and notoriously a traitor to himself and his country and all of its best interests or because he listens to some siren song that lulls him into selling his birthright ignorantly.

What is the duty of every American citizen in this psychological moment? What is the paramount duty of the Negro citizen of this Republic in this hour of trial? Clearly it is the psychological moment in the history of this Nation when it behooves every American citizen to think wisely and do his best for his country, for himself and his. It is the plain duty of the Negro citizen all over this Republic to review the history—all of it—of the two Great Parties of this Republic and to stay with the "Ship"—The Republican Party—for all else has proven "The Sea." Speaking generally and referring to all citizens, we are facing a crisis such as has not confronted this Nation since the days of The Immortal Lincoln, and now that the sea is tempestuous, we need a pilot that is wise, courageous, brave, fearless and a man big and broad enough to keep the door of hope ajar to all classes of American citizens and who does not believe in some men up and some men down, but rather believes in the principle of all men up and no man down. In your review of the history of the two Great Parties of this Nation, note carefully that only one Great Party has advocated the principle of all men up and no man down, and that has been and is the Republican Party.

But these are general matters; let me speak to Negro voters specifically. The present National Party seeks by National Legislation to repeal the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to The Federal Constitution, put there by The Republican Party. (House Joint Resolution 32, 23, 40, 107.) Here is a National Party that seeks by Congressional Legislation to segregate clerks and employees of The Races—of all Races from the Negro Race—and make a distinction and discrimination on account of Race and Color—in the affairs of the National Government in the face of The Constitution to the contrary. (House Resolution 13772, February 23, 1913; House Resolution 5968, June 10, 1913; House Resolution 11, December 6, 1915; House Resolution 539, December 6, 1915; House Resolution 5797, December 15, 1915.) Here is The President of this Union and his Party that pardoned Beall and Quinn of Oklahoma who had conspired and did prevent Negroes from voting and were convicted by a jury of their peers who now seek by National Legislation to repeal Section 5509 of The Revised Statutes (Now Section 19 of The Penal Code), which punishes as crime conspiracy of two or more persons to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate any citizen in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him by the Constitution or Laws of The United States. (House Resolution 12853.) Why repeal that wise, safe, sound and fundamental provision of our Revised Statutes? I cannot see any reason other than that men may wrongfully do the very things that the measure is intended to prevent. Is there any good American citizen in all this Republic so blind that he cannot see or so prejudiced that he will not see the unjust attempt and UN-AMERICAN purpose of that thrust at the liberties of men? One of the wisest provisions of the Fathers of this Governmental fabric—The Great Republican Party—was to make sacred and keep inviolate the purity of the ballot box that all men might cast each his vote unmolested and untrammelled as his own judgment and conscience dictated. Take that right away from men and you invite revolution. God grant that our eyes nor the eyes of our posterity may never again behold either internal wars nor external wars—unless in the latter case it becomes entirely necessary to preserve inviolate our National integrity and uphold the flag of this proud Republic. National Democratic Party, Disfranchising Is Thy Name, Discrimination Is Thy Precept, and all of thy local children have learned their lessons well. This same National Party offers to forbid the appointment of any Negro Soldier as a commissioned officer, either in the Army or The Navy. No body barred but the Negro. (House Resolution 12840, March 7th, 1916.) And then to make

the above legislation wholly unnecessary in this same National Administration makes it one stronger and introduces a bill to prevent the enlistment of Negroes in The Military Service of the United States. (House Resolution 17183, introduced by Mr. Caraway, July 27, 1916.) SHADES OF LINCOLN, what will they offer next? Bunker Hill forgotten, New Orleans ignored, El Caney and San Juan Heights thrown to the wind. The Peace(?) around Carrizal, in Mexico, where the blood of our boys as well as Officer Boyd is still crying from the ground for the higher wisdom in statecraft, this, too, is all forgotten. Not content, this Disfranchising and Discriminating party now in power goes further: To require all transportation companies, firms and persons in the District of Columbia to provide separate accommodations for the White and Negro Races, and to prescribe punishment and penalties for violating its provisions. (H. R. 12, December 6, 1915.) It looks as if the Party has been running a race to see how little it could make us as a Race and could make the Nation small and insignificant in the eyes of the world, for it cannot mistreat the humblest citizen of the Nation without shaking to its very base the foundation of the entire fabric. And now the Greeks come bearing gifts in the face of this record. They bring us a wooden horse in the shape of janitor ships; a wooden horse in the shape of Principalships of State Schools—a wooden horse in the shape of a few paltry dollars that will not last through this winter. God forbid that any American citizen should sell his birthright and especially any Negro citizen of this Republic. If it makes no difference to you, remember your children and their children, and if it develops that you are not concerned about your posterity, then remember that you owe a debt to my posterity. Shall we no longer have the right of Franchise? Shall we be soldiers no more? Are we not at least as entitled to the rights of the Constitution—if reduced to that—as is the Italian, the Indian, the Pole, the Turk, etc., who will not even take out Naturalization papers, and even if he does take out his Naturalization papers? What will the men—real men—of big hearts and big brains say on the 7th day of November in answer to these questions? You will not speak to us audibly—and I am neither asking or expecting it, but on the 7th of November, 1916, when there is nobody in the booth but you and your Maker put your stamp of disapproval upon all unjust legislation whether it be a Negro, a Corporation, or whatever it may be that the men, and persons of this Republic may enjoy such rights as are vouchsafed to them by the Constitution of the same. Other National questions I have left untouched in this communication, but would make this observation, namely: All that glitters is not gold and a casual study of most of the National policies of the Party now in power will disclose the fact that while there is much glittering, there is precious little gold. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter—Give us Charles Evans Hughes for President of the United States and a Republican Congress and the Ship of State is safe.

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Okla.

I hereby, herein and now add my unqualified endorsement to every word of the above address. We want Negro men of Judge Harrison's brain, courage and manhood all over this country, and especially in Kansas City and Missouri. I take the position that any Negro who votes the Democratic ticket in times like these is a fool or traitor, and take the further position that the Negro Race as a Race and as individuals should boycott every Negro who either advocates or votes the Democratic ticket. If any man will take the time to read the above and will then consent to vote and vote the Democratic ticket, November 7th, 1916, undoubtedly he is either a fool or dishonest and corrupt at heart.

As earnestly as I have ever tried to save the souls of men, I am now earnestly pleading, petitioning and soliciting all right thinking, patriotic, Race loving, liberty loving Negro men and women to stand by me and within a united and concerted effort to drive the Democratic traitors out of business. I mean, let us withdraw our patronage and starve them out.

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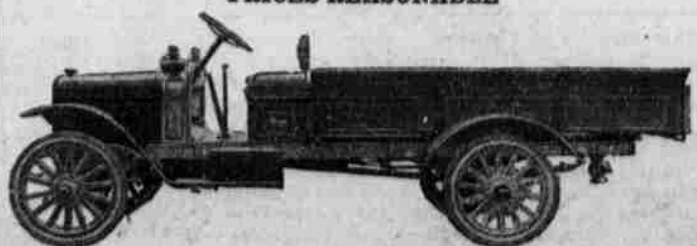
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